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## Native Youth Sports Summit

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### Learn What It Takes to be a College Athlete at WSU Native Youth Sports Summit

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Calling all Native athletes! The Washington State University Tribal Liaison's Office and Cougar Athletics are joining forces to bring Native middle and high school students to campus for a college basketball game and an informative conversation on sports opportunities at Washington State University.

On November 10, 2013 participants will attend a WSU Cougar Women's Basketball game, and then hear insider advice on playing college sports from successful Native athletes.

WSU athletes Ashlee Bonahoom (Iroquois/Cherokee) from the rowing team, and Sam Mendez (Klamath/Wyandot), a former member of the WSU golf team, will share their experiences in college athletics. They will be joined by Derek Johnson (Saginaw Chippewa) the Coordinator of Football Academic Operations at WSU. Johnson played football for the University of Hawaii, and now coordinates academic advising, tutoring and support for WSU's football program. The group will give students the inside scoop on the skills – and grades – it takes to get a college athletic scholarship.



*Students from Paschal Sherman Indian School in Omak, WA demonstrate their Cougar pride at last year's Sports Summit.*

The event coincides with Native American Appreciation Day at WSU Cougar Women's Basketball. All students attending the Native Sports Summit will receive complimentary admission to the WSU vs. Syracuse women's basketball game at 1 pm, as well as a Nike N7 T-shirt, from Nike's Native American clothing line (\*while supplies last).

The Native Sports Summit will be held at 11 a.m., the morning of the game, for approximately one hour. Pizza will be provided.

The event is open to students in grades 6–12. Students must [pre-register for the event online](#). Please contact Autumn Jones (509) 335-6718 or [native.outreach@wsu.edu](mailto:native.outreach@wsu.edu) with any questions.

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